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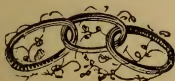
CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS,
RULES OF ORDER, ETC.,
OF

GORE LODGE, NO. 34,

I. O. O. F.,

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge
of Ontario.

Instituted at Brantford, Dec. 1854.



BRANTFORD:

E. G. HART, PRINTER, BRANT UNION OFFICE.

1873.

Certificate.

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Core Lodge. No. 34, I.O.O.F.

BRANTFORD, ONT.

This is to certify that Brother.....
.....was duly admitted
a member of this Lodge by.....
on the.....day of.....
in the year of our Lord One Thousand
Eight Hundred and.....

.....N.G.



PREFACE.

ODD FELLOWSHIP having increased so rapidly, and spread its organization from the Atlantic far out on the bosom of the Pacific, within a few years, has naturally attracted the attention of nearly all classes of the community.

Half a century has scarcely passed since the birth of American Odd Fellowship, and now over three hundred thousand men are among its votaries. It cannot be said that its rapid growth was the result of accident, or in consequence of its novelty; for it was solely because of its adaptation to the wants of mankind. Odd Fellowship teaches in the most beautiful and forcible manner the all-important lesson of *Fraternity*—that all men are of one family, and are therefore brethren.

The great duties of our Order by and through which we aim to improve and exalt the character of our members, are five in number: 1st, *To visit the sick.* 2nd, *To relieve the distressed.* 3rd, *To bury the dead.* 4th, *To educate the orphan.* 5th, *To aid the widow.* And in obedience to these commands nearly one million of dollars have been expended during the past year for these noble purposes. Yet Odd Fellowship is not a mere beneficial society, having for its single purpose the relief of its members in the struggles incident to human society. It seeks to improve and elevate the character of man—to imbue him with proper conceptions of his

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capabilities for good, to enlighten his mind, and to enlarge the sphere of his affections. It therefore commends itself alike to the high, the low, the rich, and the poor, as one of the noblest charities the world ever saw.

The principles of Odd Fellowship are those of humanity and religion its object is to promote the general good of mankind; and spread abroad the light of morality and knowledge; it not only benefits the common cause of philanthropy, but ensures to its members in the hour of adversity and tribulation, a source of safety and comfort that none can destroy.

The ties that bind us together are never surrendered; our claims of brotherhood are only dissolved by death—no, not even death can rend them—they descend to the widow and orphan.

The language of our Order is more potent than any strain of eloquence that ever fell upon the ear. A stranger, penniless and friendless, in a foreign land, breathes its tones, and his necessities are relieved. Sickness comes and lays its paralyzing hand upon him, and though no friends or relatives are near, a brother of the "Mystic Tie" administers to his wants and soothes his distress. The sick among our own brethren are not left to the cold hand of public charity; they are visited, and their wants provided for; out of the funds they themselves have contributed to raise, and which, in times of need, they can honorably claim without the humiliation of suing for public or individual relief, from which the freeborn mind recoils with disdain, until overwhelmed in insufferable want and misery. We are obliged, if need be, to perform the last solemn office to the remains of a brother, and see them consigned with respectful decency to the bosom of our mother earth. To the living our fraternal solicitude is no less exercised. It is our enjoined duty to watch over the conduct of brethren, even in their common intercourse with men, as well as one with another, and to remonstrate with

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those who wander from the paths of rectitude, or trespass on the rules of morality.

It has been said that ours is a secret Order, and that secrecy is dissonant with innocence. True it is, that we are in part a secret society; but is secrecy a crime? The world itself, the universe, the God of eternal truth, are surrounded with an impenetrable veil that no mortal eye ever pierced; and shall it be denied that these exist because their secrets are not revealed at our bidding? Shall we pronounce them evil because their operations are hidden from our view and above our comprehension?

So far from secrecy being an objection to our Order, we claim it as a recommendation. It is the mystic tie that binds us together in indissoluble brotherhood, prompting us to deeds of brotherly love and benevolence; it comes and entwines itself around our fraternity, like the refreshing yet invisible breeze that a summer noontide fans our burning forehead, invigorating the system with its coolness, and gladdening our hearts with its freshness and purity. In this respect, we have the sanction of ages. We challenge any one to point out a single nation of people whose career is sketched on the page of history, among whom there did not exist secret institutions. To go further, there is not an enlightened government now existing on the face of the globe, that does not permit its legislative councils to resolve themselves into secret conclave. Even in our own country, under our own constitution, the legislative bodies can close their doors, and sit for days, for weeks, for months, concocting measures of vital importance to the entire population, and should any member of that body dare to reveal its operations, he would subject himself to the severest censure, if not to expulsion.

To be initiated as a member of our Order is not, as many suppose, "to take a leap in the dark." The fundamental principles of the Order are before the world; its deeds are not concealed from public scrutiny.

ny; while the Constitution and Laws of our society are within the reach of all who wish to examine them. But then, our mysteries within the *inner* veil of our altars that none except members of the fraternity are permitted to behold; solemn and sublime truths are there inculcated that have never reached the ear of any save those who have proved themselves worthy of the sacred trust. They have remained there for ages, hallowed archives in the sanctuary of our temple—and have never crossed its portal; and there, we hope and pray, they will ever remain, unsullied, inviolate and untarnished.

Our Order is the handmaid of virtue and religion, and it must flourish. It calls into life and action the best and holiest feelings of our nature, and success must crown our efforts. Our course is onward, and we may look forward with confidence to a day, not far distant, when our society shall find an abiding place in every village and hamlet in our land, and the smoke of our altars shall go up from a thousand hills.



Form of Proposition.

Brother
has much pleasure in submitting for the consideration of this Lodge, the following proposition for Membership, which is accompanied by the usual Proposition Fee, \$2.00.

To the Officers and Members of
..... Lodge, No.
I, G. G. F.

Gentlemen,—

Having conceived a favorable opinion of ODD FELLOWSHIP, and read a copy of your Constitution and By-Laws, I ask to be initiated into the Order, and become a member of your Lodge.

Residence.....Age

Occupation..... and if admitted,
I promise obedience to the laws and usages of the Order, and of the Lodge.

Very respectfully yours,

References:

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, within its jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Ontario—the Superior Tribunal of all Lodges within the Limits of the Province of Ontario—doth hereby ordain the following Articles, as the Constitution of all Subordinate Lodges, working under its immediate jurisdiction.

Article 1.—Title and Powers.

This Lodge shall be constituted of at least Five members of the Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled

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and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formerly presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Article II.—Membership.

ADMISSION.

Clause 1.—Candidates for Membership by Initiation in this Lodge must be 21, and not over 50 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months.

Clause 2.—Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the Applicant, and his residence, age, and occupation supported by a reference to at least one other Member of the Lodge.

Clause 3.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., and who shall report thereon at the next meeting.

Clause 4.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition, immediately after the presentation of such report; when if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

Clause 5.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Card of Clearance from the Lodge of which he was previously a Member; and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

Clause 6.—Every Member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him, so long as he shall remain a Member.

Clause 7.—Any Candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new Candidate.

Clause 8.—The rejection of any Candidate for membership shall be intimated to the Grand Secretary

of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, at the end of each month during which the rejection takes place, and that in cities and towns where there are two or more Lodges, notice shall also be sent to each of them during the week of such rejection.

Clause 9.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for Membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection.

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Clause 10.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P.S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and shall then be balloted for.

Clause 11.—If, on such ballot, his application be opposed by more than three of the Members present, it shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees in question.

Clause 12.—No certificate for Degrees shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the amount required therefor.

Clause 13.—No Brother having been less than one month in Membership, shall be eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting.

Clause 14.—Any Brother in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting a Card of Withdrawal. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary under the Seal of the Lodge, a Certificate that he has resigned membership, and such Certificate shall be sufficient evidence that

the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; Provided, that upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 15.—Should any Brother, receiving a Card of Clearance from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a Member of this Lodge, and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit.

Article III—Officers.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, P. Secretary, and Treasurer, and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-Laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

Clause 2.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees; for the office of N. G., a V. G., or P. V. G.; and all other Elective Officers, except Physician, a Brother who has served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office, and has attained to the Scarlet Degree.

Clause 3.—All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

Clause 4.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, except when the nominees for an office are all absent without excuse, or decline serving.

Clause 5.—No Brother shall be nominated, who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named; and no nomination shall be held to be in force, on proceeding to election, unless the Brother so nominated be then present, or has sent to the Lodge a sufficient excuse in writing.

Clause 6.—The Election of Officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of the D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months, as the Lodge by its By Laws determine.

Clause 7—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.

Clause 8—A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 9—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W., C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R. and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

Clause 10—These Officers shall be appointed by the N. G. immediately after his Installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be nominated at the same period by the V. G.

Clause 11—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and the W., O. G. and I. G., must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

Clause 12—The N. G. with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

VACANCIES.

Clause 13—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge on a motion to

that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

Clause 14—Any vacancy in Office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be, in the manner as provided for in the previous Sections; and Brothers, so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the office, provided they complete the term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

Clause 15—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers, as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 16—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding Clause of this Section.

Article IV—Sessions, Terms and Returns.

SESSIONS.

Clause 1—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or semi monthly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-Laws; provided always that as decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six nights service be required as the term of office.

Clause 2—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

Clause 3.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five

members of this Lodge be then present, nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order annexed to this Constitution.

Clause 4—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass Word for the Term, or are introduced by an Officer of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 5—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the Whole.

TERMS.

Clause 6—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; should the D.M., P.S., or Physician be elected semi-annually, their terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in July.

Clause 7—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

RETURNS.

Clause 8—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario immediately on the expiry of their Term of Office, a regular Return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of Semi-Annual Return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

Clause 9—Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge; the same being twenty-five cents for each unsuspended member on said return.

Clause 10—A fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge, for every month that may elapse after the close of any Semi-Annual term previous to

the Returns required by Clause 8 being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 11—Should this Lodge, or the officers thereof, fail to make the returns required by the preceding Clauses, for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter; and it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers, to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other Brother as may be appointed, by the Grand Lodge or Master to receive the same) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

Article V—Funds.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Clause 1—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide, by its By-Laws, for the institution of a Special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order; Provided always, that in the case of every such Special Fund, the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

Clause 2—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the candidate, and shall not be less than Five Dollars.

Clause 3—The Charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than One Dollar for each of the Five Degrees; and all moneys received on account of Degree Charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

Clause 4—The contributions of each member to the Regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at less rate than One Dollar per Quarter. This Lodge shall place such portion of its general funds to the credit

of the W. and O. Fund, as it may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one third the remainder to be placed to the credit of the general benefit fund.

Clause 5—The Lodge shall have the power of exacting such Fees for Visiting and Clearance Cards, (to be applied to the General Fund) and such Fines for neglect of duty, &c., (to be applied to the Widows and Orphans' Fund,) as may be determined by the By-Laws.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Clause 6—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or other disability not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws Provided always that such weekly Benefit shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the General Benefit Fund, and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

Clause 7—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin or other legal representative, from the General Fund, towards defraying the funeral expenses, such sum, not being less than Twenty Dollars, nor more than Fifty Dollars, as may be fixed by the By-Laws of this Lodge.

Clause 8—The Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral; Provided such Funeral Benefit shall not exceed one-half of the amount payable by the Lodge for a Funeral Benefit under Clause 7 of this Article.

Clause 9—The Lodge shall, by its *By-Laws*, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress; Provided such relief shall be applied from no other than the General Fund, and shall in no case exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars.

Clause 10—The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit: Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed, by any one member, to such Widows and Orphans' Fund, within the space of twenty-five years, under the *By-Laws* of the Lodge; and that, if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities.

Article VI—Penalties and Trial.

PENALTIES.

Clause 1—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or *By-Laws* of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the *By-Laws* may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 2—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues,) shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 8 of this Article.

Clause 3—When any Brother, suspended for an indefinite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be re-instated, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting and if a majority of the

members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement.

Clause 4—No Brother shall be re-instated, until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then.

Clause 5—At the end of every month the Recording Secretary shall fill out and forward to the Grand Secretary a list containing the names of members re-instated during the month, also of those who have ceased membership for non-payment of dues, and the names of members suspended and expelled during the same time, in each case giving date and cause of suspension and expulsion.

Clause 6—No Brother who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation.

TRIALS.

Clause 7—No member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

Clause 8—Any charge or charges so preferred shall be referred to a Committee of Five Members, of whom three shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, furnish the accused with a copy of the charge or charges, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question. In selecting this Committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

Clause 9—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a Member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the Lodge.

Clause 10—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three of their number, in their name.

Clause 11—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under charges shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

Clause 12—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

APPEALS.

Clause 13—Any party interested shall have the right of appeal to the Lodge from the decision of the Committee, given under Clause 9 of this Article; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal, shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

Clause 14—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled, or modified, as a majority of the Members present shall determine.

Clause 15—Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved—but not other-

wise—the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in Clauses 7 to 12 of this article.

Article VII.—Regalia and Jewels.

REGALIA.

Clause 1—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar, each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

JEWELS.

Clause 2—The jewel of a P. G. is a five pointed star; of Noble Grand, crossed gavels; of Vice Grand, hour glass; of Secretary, crossed pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed wands; of Conductor, crossed axes; of Guardian, crossed swords; all to be of white metal.

FUNERAL REGALIA.

Clause 3—Funeral regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest

Degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen above, and such jewel or jewels as the Brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. Grand Lodges may at their discretion, permit the ordinary Regalia to be worn at funerals, either in connection with, or as a substitute for this simple regalia.

Clause 4—The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by Brothers in memory of a deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape passed through one buttonhole of the left lappel of the coat, tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest Degree the wearer has attained.

Clause 5—Past Officers and Members of the Encampment Degrees, and all other Members of the Order, WHEN VISITING Grand or Subordinate Lodges or encampments, are entitled to wear the Regalia and Jewels pertaining to the highest Degree they have taken.—(By-Laws G. L., U. S., Art. 24.)

Clause 6.—The Encampment regalia (EXCEPT BY VISITORS) can only be worn in an Encampment; but Members of a Grand Lodge who have received the Royal Purple Degree, may wear the *Colors* of the Encampment in a Grand Lodge.

Article VIII—By-Laws &c.

BY-LAWS.

Clause 1—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as may be deemed expedient; provided they do not in any wise contravene any part of this Constitution; the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the principles or customs of the Order.

Clause 2—All such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary,

authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its N. G. and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

DISPENSATION.

Clause 3—The Grand Lodge, or, in its recess, the Grand Master, shall have power to grant Dispensations to any Lodge, to exempt it in any particular case, from the operation of any of the foregoing Regulations, other than financial, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the welfare and interest of the Order so to do.

Clause 4—Such charge shall be made for Dispensations issued under this Section, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

AMENDMENTS.

Clause 5—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

BY-LAWS.

Propositions for Membership.

1—One week's notice shall be given, verbally, of intention to propose a candidate for membership

2—No application for membership shall be made known to any person except a member of this Order, until after the same shall have been determined favorably by election.

3—The proposer of a candidate for membership in this Lodge shall deposit in the hands of the R. S., at the time of making such application, the sum of two dollars, to be placed to the credit of the candi-

date's initiation fee, provided he appears for initiation within the required time, otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund, except in cases of rejection, when such deposit shall be refunded.

4—No Brother shall enter the Lodge during *preparation* for initiation, or during the *ceremony*, or leave the Lodge during such preparation or ceremony, except on special business of the Lodge, unless by consent of the N. G., and then only in urgent cases.

5—In balloting for members, the ballot box shall be placed in full view of the N. G., and the result having been inspected by the N. G., the W. shall proceed with it to the chair of the V. G., who also having inspected the result, shall declare the same to the Lodge.

DEGREES.

6—No application for Degrees shall be entertained, until the applicant, or other Brother in his behalf, presents to the N. G. a certificate from the P. S., as required by the Constitution, unless the P. S. is present to vouch for his compliance therewith.

7—No Application shall be made known to the Lodge, no Certificate read, nor Ballot taken thereon, unless at a regular or special meeting of the Lodge, opened in the Degree applied for.

8—On the rejection of any application for Degrees, the charge obtained for the same shall be at once refunded, or placed to the Brother's credit as he may desire.

CARDS.

9—Any Brother in good standing may obtain a Visiting Card, on motion to that effect duly carried

by the Lodge, on his paying up all dues that would accrue for the time such Card is wanted, and in all cases when it can be done, must write his name on the margin, in presence of the officer granting the same; and no Clearance Card shall be granted except by vote of the Lodge.

MEETINGS.

10—This Lodge shall hold its Regular Meetings every Thursday evening, from the first of April to the first of October at 8 o'clock, p.m., and from the first of October to the first of April at 7:30 o'clock, p.m.

11—This Lodge shall hold its regular Degree Meetings on the second Friday in each month, for the purpose of conferring all the Degrees.

12—Special meetings may be held at any other time, when summoned by the N.G., provided always that not less than 8 hours notice of the time and object thereof shall be given by the R.S., by means of a written or printed circular mailed to every Brother of the Lodge residing in town.

ELECTIONS.

13—In balloting for the Elective Officers of the Lodge, and for delegates to the Grand Lodge, for Surgeon, or other Officers, when more than one candidate is in nomination, the names of the respective candidates shall be written upon the ballots, and the election shall in other respects be conducted as provided by the Constitution.

QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE.

14—Every candidate for Office must have obtained the Scarlet Degree.

DUTY OF OFFICERS.

15—It shall be the duty of the Junior P. G., to attend regularly the meetings of the Lodge, to act as sitting P.G. for the term of six months; to deliver the charges of that Office at initiations, or to see that the same be done; to register in a book, to be kept for that purpose, the name and residence of every widow, and the name, age and residence of every orphan child receiving benefits from the funds of the Lodge; to watch over their welfare and interest; to visit them, if residing in the town of Brantford, at least once in each quarter, and oftener if necessary; to report their condition to the Lodge whenever occasion may require; and to perform all other duties pertaining to his Office.

16—It shall be the duty of the N. G. to preside in the Lodge, to enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and proper respect for the Grand Lodge; to see that all the Officers of the Lodge, and the members of Committees, perform their respective duties as enjoined by the respective Charges and Laws; to take care that all Fines not requiring a vote of the Lodge for their imposition, be punctually charged on the books of the P.S.; to exercise a vigilant supervision in regard to all irregularities subjecting Brothers to Fines, or other Penalties, at the vote of the Lodge; to bring the same before the Lodge whenever known to him, without fear or favor; to take charge of the Charter of the Lodge; to have it always in the Lodge while in session; to summon Special Meetings whenever he may consider it necessary, or when requested to do so by any five members of the Lodge in good standing; to appoint all Officers and Committees, not otherwise provided for; to fill by appointment all vacancies occurring in Committees or in Offices originally filled by his appointment; to examine the Ballot Box after every ballot for members; to ascertain and announce to the R.S.

the result of all Ballotings and Votes; to give the Casting Vote when requisite; to present a copy of the Constitution and *By-Laws* to each Brother on admission; to ascertain from the P. S. his receipts since last Lodge night, and announce the same to the Lodge and R. S. previous to closing the Lodge; to cause the R. S. to invite Brothers to attend the Funeral of any Brother for whom the Lodge may be chargeable with a Funeral Benefit; to take charge of such Funeral in the absence of competent relatives; to receive the amount of, and regulate the disbursements; to draw upon the T. for all sums voted by the Lodge, and necessary for the payment of any Benefits due under these *Laws*; to act as Chairman of the Visiting Committee, and in the absence of any Elective Officer, or other Officer appointed by the N.G., he shall appoint a qualified Brother, pro tem, to perform the duties of such Officer; he shall perform all other duties pertaining to his Office by the Constitution, or *By-Laws* of the Lodge, or by the Charges and Usages of the Order; and shall not make, or second any motion, or take part in any debate while in the Chair, except in case of appeal from his decision.

17—It shall be the duty of the V. G. to assist the N. G., and in his absence to take his Chair; to appoint his own Supporters, and the Minority of all Committees on Character; to assist in examinations of the ballots at elections for membership, and declare the result to the Lodge; to act as a member of the Visiting Committee, and whenever the N. G. is absent, to act as Chairman thereof; to take special charge of the door under the N.G.; and to perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Charges and Usages of the Order.

18—It shall be the duty of the R. S. to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Lodge;

to take charge of, and keep in safety, the Seal of the Lodge; to keep carefully, and in good order, all Books, Papers and other property belonging to his Office, and to deliver the same to his successor in like good order; to fill up all Certificates and Cards granted by the Lodge; to write, and duly dispatch and copy into the Letter Book, all Communications ordered by this Lodge, and to read the same at the next regular meeting, under the head of unfinished business; to punctually issue all Notices required by order of the N.G. or of the Lodge; to inform all candidates of their election or rejection, but without disclosing any other fact or circumstance connected therewith; to examine the Black Book in reference to all nominations for membership, and to acquaint the Committee on Character with the result of such examination; to fill out for the Chairman of such Committee a notice containing the names of the Committee, and also that of the Candidate; to preserve and file all written resolutions, motions, accounts, and reports upon which action has been taken by the Lodge; to keep written up in good order, all books placed in his charge, and to carefully preserve all papers left with him; to attest all warrants for monies ordered to be paid at regular meetings; to advise the P.S. of all votes of the Lodge imposing any assessment, or imposing or remitting any fine; and also all other fines otherwise incurred by any brother, and shall, at the second meeting in each month, enter upon the minutes of the Subordinate Lodge a statement, containing the name of every brother who received Degrees at the last Degree Meeting, and also what Degree or Degrees he then received, and shall record the same in a separate book; and shall report in full to the Lodge, at the first meeting in each term, the number of Initiates for the term past, what brothers have received Degrees, how many, and which ones; as also the names of

all Candidates rejected, and Brothers suspended or expelled, and the causes therefor; to report the names and number of Visitors during the term; to perform all such other duties pertaining to the office of R. S. as may be required of him by the Lodge, or his Charge of Office, and for such service shall be entitled to receive the amount of his quarterly dues, \$6.50 per annum, payable quarterly.

19—It shall be the duty of the P. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members; to charge and collect punctually all Dues, Charges, Assessments and Fines; to report to the Lodge from time to time, the names of all brothers who may neglect to pay the same when duly notified; to notify every brother by means of a written or printed circular, mailed to his address, at least two weeks previous to the close of each quarter, of the amount of his arrears, and the amount of regular dues for the three months in advance; to call the special attention of every brother owing dues for Eleven or Seventeen calendar months, as the case may be, to the provisions of these Laws in such cases, by means of a written or printed notice, to be mailed to his address; to advise the R. S., from time to time, of the names of all brothers owing dues for Twelve or Eighteen calendar months, to the end that such provisions may be punctually carried into effect; to pay over to the Treasurer all monies received by him for the Lodge and take the Treasurer's receipt for the same; to furnish the Lodge at the first meeting in each quarter with a written statement of all monies received by him during the past quarter; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee, before the First Meeting in each Term; to deliver up in good order for his successor, all books, papers, and other property pertaining to his Office; to make out during the first week in each quarter, for the use of the Surgeon, a list of all the members of the Lodge

in good standing; and, for such service, shall be paid quarterly; at the rate of \$30.00 per annum.

20—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the P. S. all monies of the Lodge, and carefully take charge of, and deal with the same, in such manner as may be required by the by-laws of the Lodge, or by any vote of the Lodge, duly passed in conformity therewith; to pay all Warrants signed by the N. G. on account of Benefits due under these Laws, and also all other Warrants signed by the N. G. and R. S., but none others; to keep a correct account of all monies coming into his hands to advise the P. S. punctually of the state of his books, whenever the same may require the levying of an Assessment, under these Laws, to lay before the Lodge a Monthly Statement of its Receipts and Disbursements, at the First Regular Meeting in each Term; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee before the first Regular Meeting in each Term, and to deliver up, when legally called upon, all monies, bonds, papers, books and other property of the Lodge, which may be in his possession or charge, to his successor in office, or to any other brother or brothers whom the Lodge may appoint to receive the same, and, prior to his installation in office, shall give to the N. G. and V. G. securities to be approved by the Lodge, for the term for which he may serve, subject to such penalties and on such conditions, as from time to time may be prescribed by the Lodge.

21—It shall be the duty of the Warden to take charge of the Regalia, and other property of the Lodge, except when a keeper is employed for that purpose; to act as Chairman of the Property Committee, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Charges of his Office.

DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS.

22—Any Officer charged with improper conduct in office, or conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, may be suspended from office, by a vote of two-thirds of the brothers of the Lodge present, and voting, on any motion to that effect; provided always, that written or printed notice thereof shall be given in open Lodge, by two brothers of the Lodge in good standing, at least one week previous to any vote being taken thereon; and written or printed notices shall have been mailed on that account, to every brother residing in Town, at least eight hours previous to such meeting.

COMMITTEES.

23—The N. G., on the night of his installation, or as soon after as may be, shall appoint (subject to the approval of the Lodge) the following Standing Committees, to serve for the current term, viz:—a Visiting, a Finance, and a Property Committee.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

24—The Visiting Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom the N. G. and V. G. shall be two.

25—It shall be the duty of each member of this Committee, (on the day set apart for him) to visit every sick brother of this Lodge, after receiving information of his illness (provided he be in the Town of Brantford,) and to render him such necessary aid as the law provides, or the Lodge directs.

26—It shall be the duty of the N. G. to make such arrangements that sick brothers of this Lodge within the Town of Brantford, shall be visited at least once each day during their illness by one or more members of this Committee; to keep a correct roll of the names of the brothers, in the order in which they were initiated, for the use of the Com

mittee; and when circumstances require, it shall be the duty of each member on the day set apart for him to visit, to call upon so many of the brothers in the order in which their names have been enrolled, as may be necessary to secure the attendance and services of at least two brothers to watch nightly with sick brothers

27—In cases of Contagious, or Infectious Diseases, it shall not be the duty of members of this Committee to visit personally, or of other brothers to watch, and if attendance be required, they shall employ a competent nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Lodge.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

28—The Finance committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them by the Lodge, at the regular meeting next following, and shall assist the N. G. and V. G., to audit the books and accounts of the P. S. and T. at the end of each Semi-Annual Term, and to make a written report thereon, also a report in full, of the Financial Affairs of the Lodge, at the Second Regular Meeting in each Term.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

29—The Property Committee shall consist of three members including the Warden, who shall be Chair man thereof, whose duty shall be to take charge of all Regalia, and other effects of the Lodge, not especially entrusted to particular officers, or to other committees: to procure such articles as may be necessary, or as the Lodge may direct; to cause all repairs to be made to the Regalia, or other Lodge property, as to them may seem fit, or the Lodge direct, and to make a full, written report of their proceedings, at the first meeting in each quarter.

30—This committee shall, in no case, expend a greater sum in any one quarter, than ten dollars, without the consent of the Lodge, in regular form.

31—Any Committee, member, or members thereof, failing to discharge their duty satisfactory to the Lodge, may be discharged from such Committee by a vote of the Lodge to that effect.

32—Every Committee, member, or members thereof, thus discharged shall forthwith, surrender on demand to that effect, to the N. G., or to such other brother, or brothers as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, monies, or other properties of the Lodge, which may be in his or their possession.

ADMISSION FEE.

33—Every person becoming a member of this Lodge, either as an Ancient Old Fellow, or by initiation, shall, previous to his admission, pay a Fee, in accordance with the following rule; viz: from the age of 21 to 25, \$10; from 25 to 30, \$11; from 30 to 35, \$13; from 35 to 40, \$15; from 40 to 45, \$17; and from 45 to 50, \$20; after which age, none shall be admitted by initiation, and if admitted as an Ancient Old Fellow, shall pay at the rate of two dollars per year, for each year over fifty.

34—Every brother admitted to membership in this Lodge, by Deposit of Card from any other Lodge, shall previous to admission, pay into the Funds of this Lodge as follows:—from 21 to 25 years of age, \$3; and this sum shall be augmented 25 cents for each additional year, from 25 to 40, and 50 cents for each additional year from 40 to 50, and from 50 upwards \$1 per year.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

35—The Regular Contribution, to be paid by every brother of the Lodge into its Funds, shall be at the rate of \$1.62½ per quarter, and no brother shall, on any account, be excused from such pay-

ment, which shall be made in advance, at the First Regular Meeting in each quarter.

35½—For the purpose of forming a contingent Fund, there shall be paid by every member of the Lodge, in addition to the Regular Quarterly Dues, payable under By-Law No. 35 the sum of 12½ cents [twelve & one half cents] per Quarter. or a fraction of a Quarter, to be charged and paid at the same time as the regular quarterly dues; and the amount shall be carried to the account of the Contingent Fund; out of which fund the Lodge may, by a majority vote, after the notice required by by-law 46, order the payment of any expenses deemed necessary for the welfare or prosperity of the Lodge by such majority.

36—Whenever any benefit shall accrue to the account of a brother on the last week in a quarter payment shall be deducted therefrom, by the N. G., of such dues as may be chargeable to the end of the next ensuing quarter.

CHARGES FOR DEGREES.

37—The Charges for the Five Degrees in this Lodge, shall be \$1 25c. each, payable in advance.

OTHER CHARGES.

38—For every Special Notice sent to a brother who is Eleven calendar months in arrears, the P. S. shall enter on his books, and add to the amount to be stated in such notice as in arrears, 25 cents, and for every Special Notice sent to a brother under Suspension or arrears, he shall add to the account of arrears against him, and include in such notice, a further sum of 50 cents, which Charges shall become due, on the receipt of such notice.

39. For every Visiting or Clearance Card, there shall be a charge and payment of 25 cents, previous to the delivery of the same.

FUNDS.

40. There shall be carried to the account of the W. and O. Fund, all monies which at the time of passing these By-Laws, may be at the credit of such Fund; One-Fifth part of all Quarterly Dues received, all Fines collected, all Donations and Bequests which may be made thereto, and all monies which may be raised by assessment, in aid thereof.

41. There shall be carried to the account of the General Fund, four-fifths of all Quarterly Dues, all Donations and Bequests which may be made there to, all Assessments which may be raised in aid thereof, all Admission Fees, Charges for Degrees; and Visiting and Clearance Cards.

ASSESSMENTS.

42. Whenever any Benefit, or Benefits, may become due and payable, from either of the Funds of this Lodge in the course of any one quarter; if the books of the Lodge do not show a sufficient amount, to the credit of such Fund to meet such Benefit, then the P. S. shall forthwith raise; in aid of such Fund, by an Assessment, to be laid in equal proportions upon all the members of the Lodge, the amount necessary to meet such Benefit or Benefits.

INVESTMENTS.

43. Investments of all monies of the Lodge, which it may not be deemed necessary to keep in the immediate charge of the Treasurer, to meet ordinary disbursements, shall be made by, and in the name of the Trustees of the Lodge, from time to time, as the Lodge may direct. All evidences, or certificates thereof, shall be kept by them, and all dividends, interest, or other income accruing therefrom shall be duly demanded, and received by them; and the amount thereof be paid over forthwith to the P. S. for delivery to the Treasurer; Provided always that no part of the funds of the Lodge shall be loaned to any member of the Lodge.

44. All monies of the Lodge not invested as aforesaid, shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the By-Laws and Orders of the Lodge.

45. No motion in any way relating to the investment of the Funds of this Lodge, as provided by the Laws, shall be deemed carried unless two-thirds of the members present at any Regular or Special Meeting shall vote in favor of such motion.

46. No motion for the appropriation of monies belonging to this Lodge, other than for the general purposes of the Lodge, and for the relief of members of distant Lodges, shall be put to vote, until notice thereof has been read at the Regular or Special Meetings of the Lodge; and written or printed notice of such motion has been mailed to every member of the Lodge, whose residence is recorded on our list of members.

SICK BENEFITS.

47.—Every brother who has been a member of this Lodge for the space of six months, shall be deemed a "*Bona Fide Member*," and, when in good standing, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation by sickness, or other disability, not proceeding from immoral conduct on his part, shall receive a Benefit from the General fund of the Lodge during such sickness, or disability, and at a rate as follows: If of the Scarlet Degree, \$3 50 per week; if of the Third or Fourth Degree \$2 62½ per week; if an Initiate, or member of the First or Second Degree, \$1 75, per week; provided always that no benefit shall be paid for less than one week's sickness or disability. Provided always that in the event of a Surgeon being employed by the Lodge, the name of every member of the Lodge in good standing shall be entered on the Surgeon's Quarterly List of Members in order that if required they may receive the services of the

Surgeon, although not entitled to pecuniary benefits.

48—If such brother be a non-resident, or if his sickness or disability occur at a distance from Brantford, it shall be necessary that a statement, or statements of his case, setting forth the nature and probable cause of the same, the time of its commencement and duration, be transmitted to the N. G. of this Lodge, certified by the N. G. of the Lodge nearest the place where he may be for the time resident, or detained, and under the Seal of such Lodge; or if he be not near a Lodge of this Order, the certificate must be signed by a Justice of the Peace, Clergyman, or Licensed Physician; and without such certificate, no Brother shall be entitled to Benefits, except by special vote of the Lodge.

49—In case any brother shall leave Brantford, while in receipt of Benefits, it shall rest with the Lodge to determine by vote, whether or not he shall be entitled to a continuance of such Benefits while absent from Brantford.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

50—On the decease of a Bona Fide member in good standing in this Lodge, the sum of \$30 shall be allowed as a Funeral Benefit, to be disposed of as provided by the Constitution

W. AND O. BENEFITS AND ANNUITIES.

51—The Widow of a Bona Fide Member of this Lodge in good standing at the time of his death, shall receive from the W. and O. Fund of this Lodge, the sum of \$24 per annum, payable quarterly, during her Widowhood.

52—The Children, if any there be, under the age of fifteen years, (of such deceased brother,) shall receive a Benefit, from the W. and O. Fund, to the amount of Ten Dollars each, per annum, payable quarterly, until they shall have attained the age of fifteen years

53—Should circumstances require it, the Lodge may withdraw from the Widow of a brother the Benefit above set forth, and grant the same to his child, or children, under the age of fifteen years.

54—Should the Widow of a Brother marry while any child, or children, of his are under the age of fifteen years, it shall be optional with the Lodge whether or not to continue such Benefits, or any part thereof, either to such Widow, or such child or children.

55—Should the family of a deceased brother be in need of a Protector or Guardian, the Lodge shall to the best of its power protect and assist them, and endeavor to place them in such situations as may enable them to become useful to themselves and society.

SPECIAL RELIEF.

56—Whenever it may become known to the Lodge that any brother of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of distress, his case shall be referred to a Special Committee of three brothers, who shall examine into the same, and report to the Lodge whether any and what relief in their opinion should be granted him from the funds of the Lodge; and it shall be competent to grant any sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars, by a vote of two-thirds of the brothers present and voting.

57—If a member of a distant Lodge apply to this Lodge for relief, by the presentation of his Card, his case shall be referred to the N. G., and one or more members of the Scarlet Degree, and after a satisfactory examination, they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding Five Dollars, and make a report thereon at the next Regular Meeting, when, if necessary, such further sum may be voted as shall be deemed requisite.

DISABILITIES.

58—No brother while under Charges duly pre-

ferred against him shall be permitted to speak in Lodge, except on such Charges, nor to vote on any question whatever.

59—No brother while under duly preferred Charges shall be entitled to any Benefit until acquitted, except under Special Vote of the Lodge to that effect; but if duly acquitted, he shall forthwith become entitled to any and all Benefits which but for such charges, would have been payable to him.

60—Any brother indebted to the Lodge for \$1.62 and failing to pay the same at the "First Quarterly Meeting," or who has been indebted to that amount or more, within the space of three months preceding, and pays the same at the "First Quarterly Meeting," shall be considered in arrears, and his name shall not be entered upon the Surgeon Quarterly List of members in good standing.

61—No brother in arrears for Lodge dues shall become entitled to any Benefit, until thirteen weeks after such arrears have been paid in full, unless by special vote of the Lodge.

62—No brother who has been Suspended or Expelled, shall on any account become entitled to any Benefit, until the term of three calendar months after he shall have been reinstated.

FINES.

63—Every brother offending against the By-Laws, Constitution, or Rules of Order, of this Lodge, in respect of any of the particulars hereafter named, shall be fined as follows, unless excused by vote of the Lodge.

First—For any improper or offensive language such as is prohibited by the Rules of Order, disrespect to any Officer of the Lodge while in session, or disobedience to the N.G. when called to Order, not less than 25 cents.

Second—For any failure to report the sickness of a brother of the Lodge to the N. G., or Lodge, as soon as practicable, 25 cents.

Third—For any failure to watch with a sick brother, when summoned to do so by a member of the Sick Committee, \$1.

64—A member of any Committee failing to discharge his duty therein, shall, unless excused by a vote of the Lodge, be fined as follows :

First—If of a Visiting Committee, 50 cents.

Second—If on a Committee on Character, 25 cents.

Third—If of any other Committee, not less than 25 cents, nor more than \$1.

65—Any Officer of this Lodge failing to discharge his duties, shall be fined as follows, unless excused by a vote of the Lodge.

For absence from his proper station in the Lodge at the time of opening, whether at a Regular, Special, or Degree Meeting, if an Elective Officer, or the J. P. G., 50 cents, and, if holding an Appointed Office, other than that of Chaplain, 25 cents.

Provided always that sickness, or unavoidable absence from home, shall be considered a sufficient excuse for non-attendance at Lodge meetings:

66—Any Officer charged with any Book, or Books, or any Key, or Keys, the want of which may deprive the Lodge of any necessary books, papers, regalia, or other property; and failing to have the same in Lodge, at the time of opening, a further fine of 50 cents, whether such failure be at a Regular, Special, or Degree Meeting.

67—All fines incurred by brothers, or imposed by the Lodge, shall be forthwith charged by the P.S., to the account of the brother incurring them, and shall become due and payable, in all respects, as though they formed part of the Regular Quarterly Dues, for the ensuing Quarter.

SPECIAL FINES.

68—After the expiration of his term of office as N. G., and until he has read to the Lodge, and forwarded to the Grand Lodge, the Regular Semi-annual Report, as required by the Constitution, the P. G. shall pay a fine of \$2 per month, unless excused by the Lodge.

69—For every failure of the P. S. to have his books posted for the Finance Committee, and members accounts mailed to their address, quarterly, as prescribed by these *By-Laws*, he shall forfeit his salary for such quarter, and also for the quarter ensuing; and if such failure occur on the last quarter of his term of office, he shall forfeit his salary for such quarter, and pay a further fine of \$5 within the three months following such failure, and he shall in no case be excused from such forfeit and fine, except by a vote of the Lodge, in case of his sickness.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION.

70—Any Brother, being twelve calendar months in arrears, shall on due report thereof to the Lodge, be declared by the N. G., to be suspended from membership; unless, on account of any special circumstances, the Lodge see fit, by vote, to determine a further term of payment, though in no case to exceed three months.

71—Any brother being eighteen calendar months in arrears, shall on due report thereof to the Lodge, be declared by the N. G. to have ceased to be a member, unless, on account of any special circumstances, the Lodge see fit, by vote, to determine a further term of payment, though in no case to exceed six calendar months.

72—Any brother guilty of language or conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, in the Lodge, meriting in the opinion of the Lodge a severer penalty than the fines already authorized, or who shall malicious-

ly or carelessly bring charges against a brother, on evidence which the Lodge shall not regard as sufficient for so doing; or, who shall knowingly misrepresent the qualification of a candidate for admission, or who shall make known to any but a brother of this Order, the name of a person whose proposition has not yet been determined favorably by election, or who shall make known the rejection of a candidate for membership; or, who shall abuse, or attempt to abuse, the benevolent intentions of the Order; or, who shall be guilty of fraud in any business transaction, or habitual drunkenness or immorality, or of infraction of the laws of the Land,—shall be suspended from membership, or expelled, as the Lodge may by vote determine.

73—No brother shall be permitted to appear in Lodge while suspended from membership; nor shall any sentence of suspension be considered to expire, or be reversed, until by special vote of the Lodge to that effect, and no motion to that effect shall be put to vote more than once, in any one quarter, in the case of the same brother, nor unless at a Regular or Special Meeting, and after formal notice of such motion has been given at two Regular Meetings next preceding such vote, nor if the suspension has been pronounced for a fixed term, until the close of such term; nor shall any vote take effect until after the brother has paid up all dues that would have accrued to his account but for such suspension.

SURGEON.

74—It shall be competent for this Lodge to elect annually, by ballot, a Surgeon, who shall attend professionally and supply with medicine every sick or disabled brother of this Lodge in good standing, when called upon by such brother or by a member of the Visiting Committee; and for every name upon his Quarterly List of Members in good stand-

ing he shall be paid quarterly at the rate of \$1 50 per annum, when the number of names on such list is not over sixty-six. when the number of names on the list exceeds 66 he shall be paid quarterly \$25.00, in lieu of the aforesaid \$1.50 per member per annum, and in the event of the number of names on the list exceeding one hundred, he shall be paid quarterly at the rate of \$1 00 per member per annum; Provided always that should the Surgeon be called upon to attend a brother of this Lodge residing beyond the limits of the Town of Brantford, the Surgeon shall be at liberty to charge such brother the regular fee for mileage for the distance necessarily travelled in order to visit such brother, but he shall make no charge for the visit or for medicine.

75—In any case of contagion befalling a brother of this Lodge in good standing, upon whom he is called to attend, the Surgeon shall notify the N. G. in writing immediately, and always at the close of the illness, or disability of any brother in good standing, he shall send to the N. G. a certificate, stating the name of the brother, the name and nature, and probable cause of his illness, or disability, and the length of time in his opinion the brother has been unable to attend his usual occupation; and no brother shall be allowed to declare on, or receive from the funds of this Lodge, for Sick Benefits, until such certificate, signed either by the Lodge Surgeon, or other Licensed Physician is in the possession of the N.G., or the Lodge, except by special vote of the Lodge.

TRUSTEES.

76—At the last regular meeting in each Term, the Lodge shall, without nomination, a majority of all the legal votes cast being necessary to a choice, elect by ballot three Trustees; said Trustees shall give security to the Lodge in such amounts as may

from time to time be determined by vote of the Lodge, for the due performance of the duties incumbent on them by the By-Laws, and for the properly accounting for such of the Funds and Securities belonging to the Lodge as may come into their hands as such Trustees.

REGULAR DISBURSEMENTS.

77—Regular Disbursements, such as Rent, Salaries, Annuities, and Percentage to the Grand Lodge. (whenever no objection is raised,) shall be paid without a vote of the Lodge, on the receipt by the Treasurer of an order for all such payments from the N.G.; and no Officer, or other brother to whom the Lodge owes a salary, or other sum equivalent to, or exceeding his dues, shall be considered in arrears.

78—No motion to repeal, suspend, or amend these By-Laws, or any part thereof, shall be put to vote until the same shall have been read in Lodge at two consecutive meetings; nor shall the consideration of, or voting upon any such motion be postponed after such second reading, unless by vote of the Lodge; nor shall such motion be declared to prevail unless, upon the final division thereon, two-thirds of the brothers present, and voting, shall vote in favor of it.

PRAYERS

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED
STATES FOR THE USE OF SUBORDINATE
LODGES.

OPENING PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God! we adore thee as the Creator of all worlds, and the righteous

Governor of all beings upon whom we are dependent for life and all its blessings, and without whose favor no human enterprise can permanently prosper.— Lift upon us, we pray thee, O Lord, the light of thy countenance, and bless us while we are together this evening. May all things be done in the spirit of charity and brotherly kindness, and may our labors of love be blessed to the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Order. Hear us, O God, in behalf of the stranger, the sick, the afflicted, the widow, and the orphan, and bless them as thou seest that they may need. Keep us ever in thy fear and wisdom, and save us all with an everlasting salvation, and to thy great name be all the glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER.

We bless thee, O LORD, that we have been permitted to enjoy this, another Lodge meeting. Pardon what thou hast seen amiss in us; and now, as we are about to depart, let thy blessing be with us, and with all our brethren throughout the globe. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue adorn our lives while members of this Lodge below, and at last may we be admitted to the joys of a better world, and thine be the power and glory forever and ever. Amen.

RULES OF ORDER,

Rule I—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the Officer and Brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II—The order of Procedure, after opening, shall be as follows.—

- 1—The calling of the Roll of Officers.
- 2—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees, from previous meetings.
- 3—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the last Lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof; and their approval, with, or without amendment, as the case may require.
- 4—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.
- 5—The Nomination or Election of Officers, on the evening designated for such Nomination or Election.
- 6—The receiving and consideration of Reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.
- 7—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.
- 8—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.
- 9—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers, or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.
- 10—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.
- 11—The reading and consideration of Accounts and other communications in the hands of the Secretary.
- 12—Good and Welfare: being *first*, Unfinished Business, in order of priority at former meetings; and, *secondly*, New Business.

13—The closing of the *Lodge*.

Rule III—Any Member offering a motion, must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the *Lodge*.

Rule IV—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration, until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1—To adjourn;

2—To lay on the Table;

3—To put the previous question;

4—To postpone;

5—To refer: or,

6—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second, and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

Rule V—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the *Lodge* present, and then shall always be put in the words following: "*Shall the question be now put?*"—which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending; immediately before such call for the previous question may have been so made.

Rule VI—If the vote of the *Lodge*, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and, if on the other hand, the vote of the *Lodge* be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pend-

ing as aforesaid,

Rule VII—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

Rule VIII—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time proposed.

Rule IX.—The Ayes and Noes shall be taken, and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

Rule X—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement, or the previous question, may have been decided, any two Members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same, or next regular meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof; but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule XI—Any question decided by the Lodge, shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by reconsideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

Rule XII—Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener; unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIII—Any Brother intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer; confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule XIV—The Presiding Officer, or any Member may call a Brother to order while speaking; and in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised

be determined; nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the chair:

Rule XV—In all cases where a member may appeal from any decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—“N. G., *I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair, to the Lodge;*” and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question.—“*Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?*”

Rule XVI—Any Brother, who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling must apologise to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain, or apologize, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XVII—The Presiding Officer, or the Lodge, may at any time require all Members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any Member or Members from so doing.

Rule XVIII—Brothers, not Members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIX—No Brother shall retire, while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XX—A motion to suspend, or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as seven Members call upon the Lodge to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Members present, and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend, or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule XXI—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, or annulled (except in the case provided for Rule XX), by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

FORMS.

No. 1 — *Form of Preferring Charges.*

To the N. G., Officers and Brothers of Lodge,
No. I.O.O.F.

The undersigned, a member of Lodge, No. in good standing, does hereby charge A. B., of Lodge, No. with "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," and the grounds of this charge are more particularly set forth and stated in the following specifications, to wit :

*Saoccification 1st** That the above mentioned A.B. did, on or about the day of , 18 , (here state offence complained of, place, and other circumstances.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C—— D——.

No. 2—*Form of Appeal.*†

To the District Grand Committee

Of the County of

The undersigned, a member of Lodge, No. respectfully appeals to your Committee against the action of Lodge, No. of the County of in (here state the acts complained of, and the

* Should there be more than one offence, then continue specifications 2nd, 3rd, observing that each offence must be the subject of a different specification.

† This form may also be used in an appeal from the District Grand Committee to the Grand Lodge, by changing the address "to the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Ontario," and substituting the title "R. W. Grand Body," for the word "Committee," in the body of the appeal.

grounds, or points, upon which the appeal therefrom is taken.)

Your appellant respectfully prays of your Committee to reserve said action, or grant such other relief as in your judgment you may deem the merits of the case demand.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A—— B——.
(Residence).

No. 3—*Report on Application.*

To the N.G., V.G., Officers and Members of
Lodge, No. I.O.O.F., of

Your Committee to whom was referred the application of for [state whether membership by card or initiation], respectfully report, that we have performed the duty assigned us, and find the candidate [worthy or unworthy] and recommend that he be [elected or rejected] accordingly.

[If an applicant on card, state the terms on which he is to be received if worthy.]

Respectfully yours. in F. L. and T.

[Date.]

[Signed by Committee.]

No. 4—*Certificate for Degrees.*

To Lodge, No. I. O. O. F., of
at

This certifies that a member in good standing in Lodge, No. and properly qualified, having been duly balloted for, was, this evening, elected to receive the degrees of the Order. You are therefore hereby requested and authorised to confer the same on him, he having paid, paying you the fees for so doing.

Witness the seal of this Lodge this day of
[Lodge Seal.] Secretary.

Fees received and Certificate approved by
Lodge, No. Scribe.

No. 5—*Certificate of Standing and Grade in a Subordinate Lodge,**

To all whom it may concern, this certifies that
is a member of the Fifth Degree in good standing
in Lodge, No. I.O.O.F., of

Witness the seal of our Lodge this day of
N.G.

[Seal of Lodge]
Attest: Secretary.

No. 6—*Application to be Admitted into an Encampment.*

To the C.P., H.P., Officers and Members of
Encampment, No. I.O.O.F. of

BRETHREN—Having read a copy of your Constitution and By-Laws, I now solicit initiation in the Patriarchal Order, and membership in your Encampment. The accompanying Certificate will show my grade and standing in Lodge. My residence is in , my age is years, and my occupation is that of a . If admitted, I promise to obey the laws of the Order and of the Encampment. Enclosed I send the Proposition Fee.

Very respectfully, your Brother in F. L. and T.,
Proposed and recommended by
Proposition Fee received, and Proposition referred to

No. 7—*Application for Benefits in Sickness.*

To the N.G., V.G., Officers and Brethren of
Lodge, No. I.O.O.F., of

BRETHREN—On the day of (as formerly reported to you,) I was prostrated by a severe ill-

* To accompany No. 6, or for other purposes that are lawful and proper.

ness, and disabled from following my occupation until last I send the certificate of my physician, and the statement of the N. G. of Lodge of this city. I therefore claim benefits for if granted, please pay to my wife, whose receipt will be as my own. Fraternally yours,

No. 8—*Physicign's Certificate.*

(Addressed as above.)

This certifies that I was called to visit Mr. professionally, on the day of and found him prostrated by a [severe] attack of I have attended him from that to the present time, and know that he was unable to attend to his usual occupation before. [M.D.]

Noble Grand's Statement.

(Dated and addressed as above.)

Having visited brother during his illness, on the and again on the and being personally acquainted with Dr. as a man of honor and veracity, I have no doubt the above statements are correct, and that Brother is entitled to benefits for so far as disability to labor constitutes such claim.

Fraternally, [N.G.]

No. 9—*Application for Admission by Card.*

To the N.G., V.G., Officers and Brethren of Lodge, No. I.O.O.F. of

BRETHREN--Herewith I present my Card of Withdrawal from Lodge, No. I.O.O.F. of and respectfully ask to be admitted a member of your Lodge by deposit of the same.

Fraternally yours,

Presented and recommended by

Referred to [three brethren.]

[Secretary *pro tem.*]

N.B.—The application for admission by deposit of Card or Initiation into an Encampment is the same, except the necessary change of address, and name of the Body addressed.

No. 10—*Dispensation to Confer Degrees.*

I, _____ Master of the
in the _____ do hereby authorize and empower
Lodge, No. _____ of this jurisdiction, to confer the
five degrees of the Order on _____ a member of said
Lodge, dispensing with any further time requisite
to qualify him for receiving the same; such being
the request of said Lodge, which has paid for this
dispensation.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my seal
of office, this _____ day of _____ 18 _____

[Seal.]

No. 11—*Petition for a Warrant of a Subordinate Lodge.*

To the [Grand Master, Officers and Members] of
the Grand Lodge of _____

The petition of the undersigned, holding withdrawal Cards from Lodges named opposite our signatures respectively, and legally recognized by your R. W. Body, respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order, to establish a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at _____ in the _____ of _____

Wherefore your Petitioners pray, that a Warrant may duly issue in pursuance of the laws of your R. W. Body.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____

No. 12—*Petition for a Warrant of a Subordinate Encampment.*

To the M. W. G. Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of _____

The petition of the undersigned Patriarchs, holding withdrawal Cards, from the legal encampments set opposite our names, [or instructed in the En-

campment Degrees, under commission of the Grand Sire,] respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order, to establish a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at _____ in the _____ of _____

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that a Warrant may duly issue in pursuance of the Laws of the R. W. Body.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____

No. 13—Resignation of Membership.

To the [N. G., V. G.,] Officers and [brethren] of
Lodge, No. _____ I. O. O. F. of _____

BRETHREN,—I feel constrained to sever my connection with your [Lodge,] and the Order, and therefore tender this my resignation of membership therein. I consider my pledge of honor as binding out of the Order as in it.

Wishing you prosperity in every good word and work, I remain respectfully yours.

No. 14—Certificate of Resignation.

Lodge, No. _____ I. O. O. F. _____ 18. _____

We certify that _____ being free from all charges in our [Lodge] and Order, has resigned his Membership in the same, and said resignation has been duly accepted. He is therefore no longer a member of our [Lodge] and Order.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our names and the seal of the Lodge at the date above written.

[SEAL]

[N. G.]

Attest:

[Secretary]

No 15.—Form of Card presented to Wife or Widow of an Odd-Fellow

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS:

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting:

This certifies, that _____ whose name is endorsed on the margin of this Card, in her own

proper handwriting, is the [*wife*] of our well beloved Brother who (*is*) a member of

Lodge, No: held at and working under authority of a Charter duly granted by authority of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the We therefore recommend her to your Friendship and Protection wherever she may be, throughout the world, for the space of and no longer.

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our Lodge, this day of in the year

[SEAL]

Secretary.

N. G.

V. G.

No. 16—*Form of Card for a Daughter of Rebekah.*

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH:

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This certifies that our well be loved Sister

whose name is endorsed on the margin of this card, in her own proper hand-writing, has been duly initiated in the degree of Daughter of Rebekah, and is the (*wife*) of our Brother who (*is*) a member of Lodge, No.

held at and working under authority of a charter duly granted by authority of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of We therefore recommend her to your friendship, aid and protection, wherever she may be, throughout the world, for the space of and no longer

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our Lodge. this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

[SEAL]

Attest.

Secretary.

N. G.

V. G.





[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly a signature or a list of names.]

John Lepphardt +
B. 1840

De. Muller.

